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SUBJECT: CURRENT VIEWS ON RETURN TO CIVILIAN REGIME

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1. AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD AND I DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT

REQUEST (REFTEL) ASKING EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON POVEDA'S VIEWS
ON PLANS FOR RETURN TO CIVILIAN REGIME. ALSO, WHAT ARE
CURRENT VIEWS OF GALO PLAZA AND OTHER LONG-TIME POLITICAL
LEADERS AS TO VIABILITY OF THE MILITARY'S PRESENT PLANS FOR
RETURN TO A CIVILIAN REGIME?

2. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO HAVE EMBASSY'S
LATEST INFORMATION AND COMMENTS ON PLANS FOR COALITIONS
OF EXISTING POLITICAL PARTIES. ALSO, EMERGENCE OF POSSIBLE
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"NEW ELEMENTS" AS MENTIONED BY ADMIRAL POVEDA WOULD BE OF
INTEREST. WE HAVE NOTED EMBASSY REPORTING OF LAST FEW
MONTHS ON POSSIBILITY OF FRENTE AMPLIO, AND MOST RECENTLY
FRENTE AMPLIO DE LA IZQUIERDA, THE LATTER APPARENTLY A
PROPOSAL OF MOSCOW LINER PEDRO SAAD.

3. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, DO ADMIRAL POVEDA AND OTHER

MILITARY LEADERS HAVE A REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF
REALITIES OF THE CURRENT CIVILIAN POLITICAL SCENE?

QUESTIONS RAISED WITH POVEDA (REFTEL) ARE PERTINENT IN
THIS REGARD. IS IT STILL CORRECT TO SAY THAT BOTH
VERSIONS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTION PERMIT (A) BUCARAM'S
CANDIDACY AND (B) CANDIDACIES OF ALL EX-PRESIDENTS? DOES
EMBASSY FORESEE ANY BARRIERS, CONSTITUTIONAL OR OTHERWISE,
BEING RAISED AGAINST THESE CANDIDATES BY THE MILITARY
BETWEEN NOW AND THE PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS? VANCE

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